

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claim 3 is directed to allowable subject matter.

The subject matter of allowable claim 3 has been integrated into independent claim 1.

Independent method claim 7 has been amended to correspond to the subject matter of amended apparatus claim 1.

Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled.

Therefore, allowance of claims 1 and 7 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

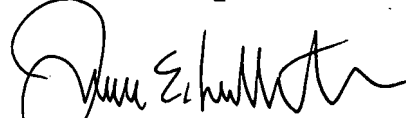
The specification has been amended in the manner suggested in the Office Action. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendment of the specification.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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